

Chapter Ag 2

MARKETING ORDER REFERENDUMS

Ag 2.01 Referendum procedures

Ag 2.01 Referendum procedures. (1) Whenever a marketing order referendum is held pursuant to s. 100.32 (7), Stats., voting may be conducted by mail ballot or at such polling places as the secretary may deem necessary.

(2) The secretary shall prescribe the form and furnish the ballots used in such referendum. In the case of a mail ballot, he shall mail a copy of the proposed marketing order, together with a ballot, to each of the affected producers and handlers who have filed with the secretary as required in s. 100.32 (4), Stats. All mailing required by this chapter shall be by ordinary mail.

(3) In the event such referendum is conducted by mail, ballots shall be returned to the Secretary of Agriculture, Hill Farms State Office Building, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702. Only those ballots shall be valid which are received by the secretary on or before the fifteenth day after the date such ballots were mailed to the affected producers and handlers. The date of such mailing shall appear on the face of the ballot, together with a statement that the ballot will be invalid if not received by the secretary on or before a stated date.

Note: The department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection is located at 801 W. Badger Road, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(4) The ballot of any affected producer or handler who has failed to file with the secretary the information regarding the production or volume of the affected commodity handled, as required by s. 100.32 (4), Stats., shall not be valid.

(5) The ballot, in addition to the question of the approval or disapproval of the proposed marketing order, may contain a list of the nominees for membership on the advisory board and may call for a vote thereon. In the event any such order is approved, the composition, manner of selection and term of office of the membership of such advisory board shall be in accordance with the provisions of said marketing order.

(6) Ballots shall be counted and the results made known as soon as practicable after the closing of the polls or the last date for filing ballots.

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